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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO ON
PROSPECTS FOR SOVIET ADHERENCE TO ADDITIONAL
PROTOCOL II OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO.

1. IN COMMENTS TO THE PRESS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO THE AIRPORT ON AUGUST 26, 1973, TO RECEIVE THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NATION ON SEPTEMBER 1 BY MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO NIKOLAY K. TARASOV STATED THAT THE SIGNING OF PROTOCOL II OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO WORRIES THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS COUNTRY BECAUSE THE STIPULATIONS OF THE TREATY ARE NOT CLEAR. HE ADDED THAT PROTOCOL II MAKES NO REFERENCE TO A PROHIBITION ON THE AIR TRANSPORT OF NUCLEAR ARMS TO THE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS SPECIFIED IN THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO.

2. TARASOV ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONDEMNATION BY THE GENERAL
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CONFERENCE OF THE 'OPANAL' OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH

TEST ATOMIC WEAPONS BUT SAID THAT, WITH REGARD TO HIS COUNTRY, SUCH CONDEMNATION IS NOT APPLICABLE.

3. TARASOV ADDED THAT THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF MEXICO ON BEHALF OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DENUCLARIZED AREAS IN THE WORLD HAS RESULTED IN GREAT OPTIMISM IN THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT THEIR FUTURE.

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